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FRONT-LEVEL INTERCEPT EXERCISE
AT ARSENYEV, USSR (S)

1. (S/D) On [] an exercise involving major elements of a front-level radio intercept regiment was underway at Arsenyev Radio Communications (RADCOM) Receiver Station. Direction Finding Support [] The unit is garrisoned at the adjacent Starosyssoyevka Army Barracks AL-1 (BE [])

2. (S/D) A total of 104 vehicles/pieces of equipment was operationally deployed in two areas of the RADCOM field (Figure 1). The key intercept vehicles were 13 AR-EL-01 receiver vans, four of which were atypically deployed. Two of the AR-EL-01 were attached by cable to an unidentified [] Y-shaped antenna, one was connected to a similar antenna next to the T-shaped control building (Figure 2), and one was with a permanently deployed FULL HOUSE system with two TALL RODS arrays (Figure 3). Although the function of the Y-shaped antenna is unknown, the AR-EL-01 association suggests a direction-finding (DF) role. Other intercept equipment included at least seven unidentified sets (three shown), each containing two chamfered ZIL-157 van trucks and a radio intercept/DF trailer (Figure 4).

3. (S/D) Numerous communication vehicles were also observed, including four R-140, three R-409 CATS PAW, and two R-118BM3.

4. (S/D) The radio intercept regiment was also equipped with at least nine TURN SERIES radio intercept vans (Figure 3). However, these vans were not observed at the exercise on [] The TURN SERIES vans were first identified on [] at Starosyssoyevka Army Barracks AL-1 and were previously observed only with some divisional reconnaissance battalions.

5. (S) Arsenyev is 55 nautical miles south of the Sino-Soviet Border in the Far East Military District.

(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to [] Warsaw Pact Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC, []

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